

St Nicholas Compton

March 2024



Holy Week

Greetings!

During this season of Lent, our Archbishops write –

‘We are all invited to wait in hope for God to meet us and sustain us through the storms and trials life brings.

On the night that he is betrayed, Jesus kneels in darkness in the Garden of Gethsemane. Though he pleads with his disciples to watch and pray with him, they all fall asleep, leaving him alone in his hour of deepest suffering. The forty days of Lent offer us the opportunity to respond differently and wait with Jesus in his anguish and isolation. Making space to watch and pray – together and as individuals – can help us rest and be restored by God’s presence. And it can also help us become more aware of a suffering world that desperately needs us to share God’s healing with those we encounter.

Our prayer is that this Lent may bring you not only waiting but healing, not only rest but renewed hope. May we all be encouraged and supported as we journey together. And may we meet and be transformed by the Lord of lords, whose day is near.’

There are many opportunities over the next few weeks for us to encounter God afresh – Lent groups, special Holy Week services, or putting time aside to pray are some examples.

But after a thoughtful season of Lent, may I also wish you the joy of the resurrection on Easter morning! Blessings Rev Sally



What’s On in March

- Mar 3 Sun 10:30 Muddy Church – *Spring is in the air* – including a visit to see newborn lambs!**
18:00 Evensong
- Wed 6 Mar NO service**
- Sun 10 Mar 10:30 Holy Communion Mothering Sunday**
- Sun 17 Mar 10:30 Holy Communion & Baptism **plus lunch*****
- Sun 24 Mar 10:30 *Holy Week* Holy Communion Palm Sunday**
- Thurs 28 Mar 19:30 *Holy Week* Maundy Thursday Communion**
- Fri 29 Mar 10:30 *Holy Week* Good Friday reflection**
- Sat 30 Mar 19:30 *Holy Week* Easter Vigil**
- Sun 31 Mar 10:30 Easter Celebration HC & Easter Egg Hunt!**

Sun 7 Apr NO Muddy Church (School Holidays)

Regular Events

Muddy Church – every 1st Sunday in term time (see above.) A space for all for wandering & wondering with God.

Our **Toddler Group, Fledglings**. All welcome at Pucks Oak Barn on Monday mornings in term time. Contact fledglingscompton@gmail.com

Small Groups Every week during Lent. Please contact our Rector Sally if you would like to be part of one of these...

Inside Out meets Sat 2 Mar & Sat 6 Apr 10am-12 noon & every 1st Saturday to keep the church & churchyard looking good. Contact stnicholascompton.wardens@gmail.com

Bell Ringing Practice: Morning practice once or twice a month on Tuesdays at 10am. We ring on Sundays from 10.00 – 10.30am. Contact phil.gorton@btinternet.com

Dates for your Diary

Sat 9 Mar – Guild Bellringing competition in church 2-4pm
Compton bellringers involved – please come along to support them!

***Mar 17 Sun – A bit of a party** 12 noon – 2pm

We're gathering as a church family **after church at the Rectory** for fun & food – do plan to join us if you can. Please let Jill E know if you can come & any donations of money to cover food costs are welcome.

Church Leadership

As well as our wardens, treasurer and parish safeguarding officer, for whom we are so grateful, up to 9 other people form our PCC and help to lead the church.

This involves developing our vision under God, considering & praying about our lovely church members, our community & various church projects and being part of one of our three subcommittees (in total up to 8 meetings per year.)

Current members are Ros, Mike, Linda, Jill, Cax, Bob, Annabel, Stella, Julia and our rector, Sally. Plus Sarah B is PCC Secretary & David Hunt is Chair of the Finance committee. Each year several members of our PCC stand down at the APCM (Sunday April 28 this year) and so we'll be saying a big thank you to Stella & Julia for all that they have done.

As a result, there is an opportunity coming up for others to contribute towards the leadership of our church by being nominated for PCC. Could it be you? If you would like to explore this further or can think of someone else who might be suitable, please talk to Sally asap.

In March we pray for ...

Our Parish: Those who live in Compton Heights, Down Lane and on the Hog's Back

Our Community: Our children and young people Muddy Church and Fledglings

Among our local churches: St James, Elstead, St Michael and All Angels, Thursley, St Mary, Shackelford and St Nicholas, Peper Harow

Those in particular need: Jill S, John G, Jo, Richard D, Sally G, Stephen, those caring for others, known personally to us, & known only to God.

Our Vision for 2024: Deeper Wider Greener

"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." Ephesians 3:17-18

In a slight adaption of the apostle Paul's words, two strands to our vision continue to emerge with another one interwoven between them, summed up by deeper, wider, greener. Look out for how this is embedded in our church activities and actions...

Ways to contact the church

Would you like us to pray for you? God hears you, but it is good to know you have other people who care, joining with you! Phone us, email us, or ask someone to pass a message on. A first name is all we need and confidences are ALWAYS respected.

Would you like to speak to or pray with a priest?

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Key contacts

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